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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/604,231  
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Entitled: *Corynebacterium glutamicum* Genes Encoding  
Phosphoenolpyruvate: Sugar Phosphotransferase System Proteins  
Inventors: Markus Pompejus *et al.*  
Our Reference: BGI-122CP

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

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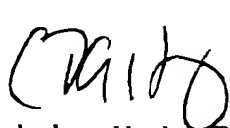
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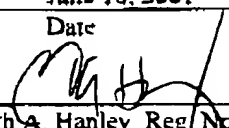
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 3-8, 20-24, and 34-38.

Please amend claim 1 as follows: